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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to develop Buddhist Circuit, Jain Circuit, Mahatma Gandhi Circuit, Ramayan Circuit and Sufi Circuits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the scheme formulated to develop these circuits?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b) : During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism proposes to identify six tourism circuits in the country annually and develop the facilities in these circuits. During the current year following six circuits have been identified for development in consultation with the State Governments :

(i) Eastern Region -(Buddhist Circuit): Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda-Varanasi.

(ii) Northern Region - (Himalayan Circuit):

Route I - Chandigarh-Bilaspur-Kullu-Manali-Rohtang La-Key Long-Sarchu-Upshi-Leh
Route II - Shimla-Sangla-Kaza-Chatru-Keylong-Sarchu-Yashi-Leh.

(iii) Central Circuit - (Heritage, Nature & Wildlife Circuit) :Gwalior-Shivpuri-Chanderi-Orcha-Khajuraho-Jhansi-Bhopal-Sanchi and surrounding Buddhist areas-Bhimbetka-Panchamari-Kanha Jabalpur (Bhedaghat).

(iv) Western Circuit - (Konkan Riviera circuit): Bombay-Alibagh (Mandva) - Muradjanjira - Ganapatipule - Vijaydurg - Mithibad- Kunkeshwar- Mochetmad-Sindhudurg-Tarkarli-Shiroda-Savantwadi-Amboli-Goa-Coastal Karnataka-Bekal.

(v) Southern Circuit - (Backwater and Beach Circuit): Cochin-Kumarakom - (Backwaters) - Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam).

(vi) North-East Circuit - (Eco-Tourism Circuit): Shillong-Guwahati-Kaziranga-Tezpur-Bhalakpung-Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) - Majuli-Sibsagar-Kohima.